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i just wanted to voice my opinion that i believe that Microsoft had been bullying companies for years. they have caused the demise of more than a few tech companies with bright futures. these companies could have continued to thrive and employ people today. microsoft's products are generally less robust and less secure than their competitors, yet their monopoly in the OS/intel market has continually allowed them to win out. the Graphical User Interface, the Media Player, Chat Software, etc., are all examples of software which MSFT has essentially stolen, reproduced crappy versions of and then tied to their OS.

i believe settlement should NOT include the donation of any microsoft products to schools, non-profits, etc. instead, it should be a significant(more than the 1 Billion dollars offered) fine, reparations to the likes of Apple, Netscape, Yahoo, etc., as well as a break up of the company. i also believe it is imperative that the government does NOT use microsoft software. not only is it not secure, but it contributes considerably to the problem.

it is possible to create an open standard with which unix, macOS, linux AND windows could work... microsoft is just not interested in doing it. for the sake of the country's technological future, it is imperative that the government forces microsoft to open up.

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